

Adopted AMENDMENTS FOR NORTHCENTRAL AND NORTHEAST REGIONS

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NORTHCENTRAL REGION PLAN AMENDMENTS

Plan 300

1. Rep. Joe Tropila testimony (11/13/01) concerns regarding Great Falls that the area below the Northwest Bypass included in proposed district 5 and the area above 34th St included in a different district, the line should cut off at county road. The area between the Northwest Bypass and 5th or 6th Ave includes 752 persons. This amendment is possible with a swap between the districts 5, 12, 13. The part of proposed district 12 between the Northwest Bypass and 5th or 6th would be placed in south in proposed district 5. This requires proposed district 12 to take population from proposed district 13 north to the county line and west of Highway 87. Part of proposed district 12 would go west into proposed district 5.
2. Bill Icenoggle testimony (11/14/02) concerning a Glacier County amendment for which he provided maps of voting precincts for all plans. In Plan 300, a small area of proposed district 1 in Glacier County would require an additional precinct split for 81 persons. It is proposed that this area be placed in proposed district 2. This amendment makes the Pondera County amendment (#3 below) possible if it is adopted.
3. Pondera Co. Clerk and Recorder Janet Hoppes (concern reiterated in 2/5/02 letter) regarding a Pondera County concern regarding the southeastern part of Blackfeet Reservation/Valier School District/Precinct 35. This amendment involves 107 persons. This area would be moved from proposed district 2 into proposed district 3 which would require an additional amendment to bring proposed district 2 back to within the -5% deviation. This is possible if the Glacier County amendment (see #2) is considered and passed or additional persons are found for proposed district 2.

NORTHEAST REGION PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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The following series of amendments were adopted together in order for populations to work. There are three maps to illustrate the changes by county, but all three work as a single amendment to Plan 300.

Roosevelt, Valley, and Phillips County amendments to Plan 300, submitted by Commissioner Joe Lamson (3/20/02) include:

(a) In Roosevelt County:

(i) at the eastern border of proposed district 22 near Ft. Kipp a block is added to proposed district 22 from 21 involving approximately 117 persons. The eastern boundary continues to use the reservation line.

(ii) north of Poplar extend the boundary north to include approximately 93 people who live directly north of Poplar with Poplar in proposed district 22.

(iii) north of Wolf Point extend the boundary slightly to include people who live just north of Wolf Point in with Wolf Point in proposed district 22 from proposed district 21, approximately 11 people.

(b) in Valley County:

(i) place Nashua in proposed district 17 from proposed district 22;

(ii) place Fort Peck in proposed district 22 from proposed district 18 using Highway 24 and the Milk River as boundaries west of Nashua;

(iii) add the area southeast of Glasgow south of Highway 42 into proposed district 18 from proposed district 17;

(iv) clean up boundary west of Glasgow to Highway 2 containing approximately 7 people; and

(c) in Phillips County bring the boundary between proposed district 17 and 19 north to Highway 2 except directly around Malta.

All of these amendments combined keep proposed districts 17, 18, 21, and 22 within the 10% overall deviation allowed and the total population percentages are within the acceptable levels. The amendments slightly change the Native American population percentages by less than 1% for total population and voting age population in proposed districts 18 and 22.